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MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Communication is being filed in reply to a Non-Final Office Action mailed May 14, 2004, in connection with the above application. The Office Action provides a three-month period for response. Therefore, a response is due by August 14, 2004. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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